HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Landmark/District: **Capitol Hill Historic District** (x) Agenda () Consent **646 E St NE** Address: (x) Concept ANC: 6C (x) Alteration () New Construction Meeting Date: **December 3, 2020** Case Number: 21-014 () Demolition () Subdivision

Applicant Jennifer Duck, with plans prepared by architect Jennifer Fowler, seeks concept review for a two-story rear addition on a property located in the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Property Description

646 E Street, NE was built in 1890 by J.W. Duvall as one in a row of five two-story matching rowhouses. The row remains intact along E Street and at the rear, with all rear doglegs intact.

Proposal

There are no changes proposed at the front elevation. The proposed two-story rear addition would be full width at the first floor, and at the width of the existing dogleg on the second floor, extending fourteen feet deep. At the first floor, the addition would be a screened-in porch and would be clad in fiber cement siding boards on the second floor and cellar levels.



Aerial view of subject property with surrounding block

Evaluation

The Board has often required that rear doglegs be retained on blocks where they are intact in Capitol Hill. One of the accommodations that has been made in several approved projects, to allow for change at the rear while respecting the form of the rear dogleg, is to only infill full

width at the first floor. This project is in line with the guidance generally given by HPO staff and supported by the Board.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends the Board find the project to be compatible with the Capitol Hill historic district, and delegate final approval to staff.

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